

While, compared to the approach taken by the invention to be described below,

A1 Forbes' invention involves adding still more gear to the typical hunt.

Changes for Section: SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Page 4, lines 2-9, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A2 A clothing conditioning apparatus and method employ[[s]] a container means, referred to herein by the trademark HUNTER'S TRUNKTM and in the form of a HUNTER'S TRUNKTM designed as a box-like structure. An upper hinged lid, a bottom surface and four walls essentially define the container means, in its preferred embodiment. Within discrete chambers of the box-like structure, scent-source materials are confined so as to be adjacent to, but not touching, a hunter's clothing articles and associated gear to be conditioned. In anticipation of a hunting event, the hunter's clothing will be stored in the container means where they will be subjected to odor treatment or preconditioning by the natural scent-source material.

Page 5, lines 1-7, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A 3 The panel means are described as including wire or wire-like mesh materials, but any one of an array of possible media could be used. For example, a simple wooden panel with multiple holes drilled or otherwise formed therein could be employed. Also, rather than wire or wire-like mesh, a different meshed or woven, or even non-woven, material could be deployed utilizing natural fibers or narrow wooden strips as in an open basket weave design. All these fabrication options are seen as well within the purview and choice of the skilled artisan.

Page 5, lines 14-18, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A 4 When planning a hunt, the hunter's clothing is prepared as by washing, preferably in a scent-free detergent or soap, and placed in the HUNTER'S TRUNKTM container means for conditioning. Depending upon where the hunt will take place, natural material collected from the hunt site (or a site that would be presumed to be similar to the hunt site) will have been gathered and placed in the chamber or compartment means as natural scent-source materials.

Changes for Section: DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Page 6, lines 18-20, please amend the paragraph as follows:

AS The container means, with the exception of typically metal lock and hinge[[s]] parts, is constructed of a natural material such as wood, as would be appropriate for a storage chest for clothing and blankets.

Page 7, lines 8-13, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A 4 Near the bottom-most area of the inner space 7, yet positioned at a point above said bottom of the container means, is shown a second compartment defining panel means 8. Said panel means 8 also includes a frame structure 8a with an inwardly facing surface defined by a mesh-like means permitting passage of scent-laden air from natural scent-source materials enclosed therein, and thus serving to facilitate the scent contact and transference to clothing articles placed within inner space 7 for conditioning.

Changes for Section: USE OF THE INVENTION

Page 8, lines 29-33, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A 7 More than one such ~~HUNTER'S TRUNKTM~~ container to be marketed, for example, under the name HUNTER'S TRUNKTM, may be employed and displayed, affording additional family members the advantages of this clothing conditioning invention. Multiple container means 1 may in fact be designed so as to nest, one on top of the other (though not shown as such), or to be engaged in side by side configuration (also not shown).

Page 8, lines 34-38, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A 8 The visual effect of a single ~~HUNTER'S TRUNKTM~~ container means as a home interior design feature is that of a handsome piece of furniture, not unlike storage trunks typically used for linens and blankets. This will be viewed as far more esthetically appealing than the thin plastic bag, meant for trash and refuse storage, but often used by hunters, and will provide far greater results in terms of odor camouflage.

Page 9, lines 1-4, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A 9 The container means 1 can have a secondary use as a seat, suitably furnished with a cushion (not shown). Placed side by side, the storage and conditioning containers have the appearance and dual application of a bench for extra seating. Stacked vertically the container means 1 can be made to appear as a tall chest.

Page 9, following line 7, please insert new paragraph as follows:

A 10 Upon review of the foregoing specification and drawings, it will be evident that the method and apparatus presented are susceptible of many modifications, combinations and alterations which may differ from those set forth. The arrangements disclosed are illustrative only and not limiting as to the scope of the invention which is to be given the full breadth of any claims appended hereto and any and all equivalents thereof.
